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SUBJECT: GALLAGHER AND DYKES

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1. APPECIATE INSTRUCTIONS REFTEL. WE HAVE OURSELVES BEEN CONCERNED ABOUT CONDITION OF GALLAGHER AND DYKES. IN VIEW OF OCCASIONAL REPORTS WE CONTINUE TO GET (BUT FROM THE SAME OLD SOURCES) THAT THERE IS NO REPEAT NO EVIDENCE THE MEN ARE STILL ALIVE. OUR BETTER SOURCES CONTINUE TO TELL US THEY BELIEVE MEN ARE ALIVE, WELL AND IN PFLP HANDS. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT OUR INQUIRIES NOT LEAD TO INTERPRETATION WE BELIEVE MEN ARE DEAD AND THEREBY RELIEVE ALL CONCERNED OF RESPONSIBILITY TO RETURN THEM ALIVE AND HEALTHY.

2. THIS MORNING MILITARY ATTACHE MADE CONTACT WITH SURETE GENERALE DIRECTOR DAHDAH. DAHDAH SAID HE HAD DELIVERED LETTER FROM DYKES'S WIFE TO PEOPLE WITH WHOM HE HAS BEEN DISCUSSING MATTER (I.E. PFLP). THEY TOOK LETTER BUT REFUSED TO AGREE PROVIDE ANY RETURN MESSAGE. MILITARY ATTACHE ASKED WHETHER DAHDAH HAD ANY FIRM INDICATION THESE PEOPLE INDEED HAD THE MEN ALIVE AND WELL. DAHDAH ADMITTED HE HAD NO CONCRETE EVIDENCE BUT BELIEVED THAT THEY WERE.

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3. SEPARATE SOURCES WHO IS G2 OFFICER ACTIVE IN COUNTER-

INTELLIGENCE, HAS PROMISED SECURITY OFFICER TO FIND OUT
IF THE MEN ARE ALIVE AND WHERE THEY ARE HELD. HE HAS
GOOD RECORD IN THIS SENSE AND HOPES TO HAVE AN ANSWER
WITHIN WEEK OR TEN DAYS. SHOULD THINGS COME TO THAT, AND
WE HAVE NO OBJECTION, THIS SOURCE OFFERED TO CARRY OUT COUNTER-
KIDNAPPING OF PFLP PEOPLE. HE SAID HE HAD THUS ALREADY
SUCCESSFULLY WON THE RELEASE OF TWO ISRAELIS. SECURITY
OFFICER MADE IT QUITE CLEAR WE WERE NOT CONSIDERING
SUCH AN ACTION.
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